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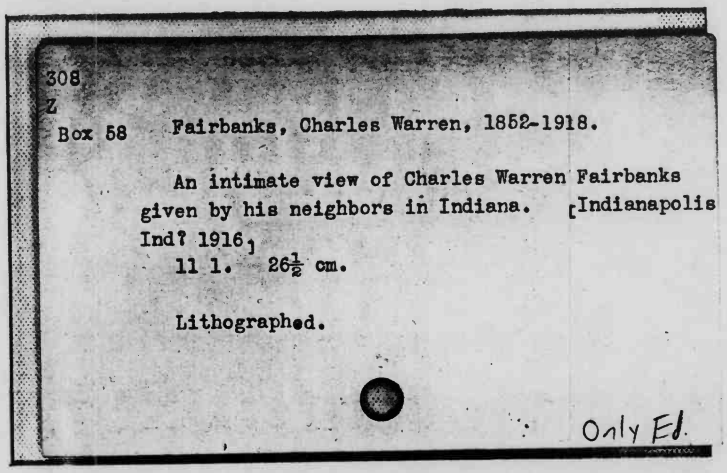
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Gift of the President

An Intimate view of Charles Warren Fairbanks given by his neighbors in Indiana

TO THE REPUBLICANS OF OUR COUNTRY:

The loyal Republicans of Indiana from long acquaintanceship with the man, take the keenest pleasure in offering to the nation as a candidate for the Republican nomination for the Presidency the name of

CHARLES WARREN FAIRBANKS

For more than a quarter of a century Mr. Fairbanks has been the acknowledged leader of his party in the State of Indiana. His distinguished services in the Senate of the United States, together with his four years' experience as Vice-President during the Roosevelt administration, have proven him to be a safe and conservative exponent of the doctrines and principles of our party and stamp him as a man measuring four square with the high position for which we offer him. We present herewith a series of letters from his neighbors in Indiana and ask you to read the things said about Mr. Fairbanks by those who know him best.

WILL R. WOOD
10TH DIST. INDIANA

House of Representatives U. S.
Washington, D. C.

March 22, 1916.

Hon. Henry S. Chubb,
Princeton, Florida.

My dear Chubb:-

I see by the papers that you have been selected as a delegate from Florida to the National Convention, to be held in Chicago in June.

Being a citizen of the State of Indiana, and being much interested not only in the success of the Republican party in that State but in the Nation as well, I take the liberty of writing you concerning Indiana's candidate for the Presidency, subject to the decision of the convention named.

I consider Mr. Fairbanks one of the ablest men in public life in the United States, splendidly equipped by reason of his years of experience in public affairs to discharge the multifarious duties incumbent upon a President. He is careful, painstaking and considerate, always exercising rare good judgment in determining public and private questions. In my opinion he has the confidence of the business world as no other man has it who is suggested for President. And what we need in this country today is a revival of business confidence.

As you well remember, he was the closest friend and adviser of William McKinley and had much to do with the success of the McKinley administration which brought order out of chaos and started us on the highway of national prosperity, the like of which this country never witnessed before. What was needed so much then is needed now in even a greater degree. Fairbanks can supply the need.

I will be pleased to hear from you at any time.

With best wishes, I am

Yours truly,

Will R Wood

A. T. H. L.

James Whitcomb Riley

INDIANAPOLIS

March 28, 1916

Dear Mr. Shideler:

It is a pleasure to call attention to the qualities which make my friend, Mr. Fairbanks, worthy of the supreme honor of the Presidential Candidacy. His character is serene--beyond all prejudice--judicial. It seems to me that such a man can be trusted with the perilous condition of affairs of this Nation.

Please give Mr. Fairbanks my best wishes and love.

Very faithfully yours,

James Whitcomb Riley

Geo. A. H. Shideler, Esq.,
Indianapolis, Ind.

OFFICE OF
HORACE C. STILWELL
ANDERSON, IND.

March 29, 1916.

Hon. W. D. Cochran,
Maysville, Ky.

My Dear Sir:-

The problem that confronts the Republican National Convention can best be solved by the nomination of Charles Warren Fairbanks for President. His availability is progressively impressing itself upon the Republicans as the pre-Convention elimination of candidates continues.

Mr. Fairbanks' friends are sincerely and enthusiastically advocating his nomination because they believe that it will satisfy a greater percentage of Republicans than the nomination of any other candidate.

The fact that in his native State of Indiana the citizens representing every shade, faction and type of political opinion are unanimous in advocating his candidacy should go far to impress the delegates to the Chicago convention. Mr. Fairbanks' selection will be particularly pleasing to that great mass of Republicans now within the Republican Party who were in rebellion in 1912, and in which class I myself belong.

I was for the nomination of Colonel Roosevelt in the pre-Convention activities in 1912; represented his interests as floor leader in the Republican State Convention of Indiana; presented the contests before the National Committee for Mr. Roosevelt; was one of the sixty-two persons who signed and issued the call for the National Progressive Convention; was the first Chairman of the Progressive State Convention of Indiana; and was the vice-Chairman of the Progressive State Committee in 1912; and, in that capacity, I believe I can speak as representing the wishes of those Republicans in Indiana who occupied a similar position with me, and I am pleased unhesitatingly and unqualifiedly to bear witness to the fact that Mr. Fairbanks' nomination will be most satisfactory to this considerable wing of the Republican Party.

We who were in rebellion in 1912 remember with the kindliest of feeling that Mr. Fairbanks was the Chairman of the Committee on Resolutions that prepared a unanimous report upon the platform which was finally adopted by that Convention, which report was satisfactory to all of Mr. Roosevelt's friends sitting as members of that committee. This fact alone stamps Mr. Fairbanks as particularly available at the present time when the object of the National Convention will be to nominate a candidate and adopt a platform upon which and for which all of the elements now within the Republican Party can unite, and the Chairman of the Committee on Resolutions who performed his duties with such signal success in 1912 is, to our minds, the logical nominee of 1916.

His broad vision, his uniform courtesy and intellectual tolerance for those who differed with him has endeared him to all who are familiar with his record, and, as conclusive evidence that he has behind him a satisfied, united and harmonious Republican Party in Indiana, we need but to call your attention to the ascendancy of the Party as evidenced in the Primary held in Indiana the earlier part of this month in which Indiana again proudly assumed its place as a Republican State behind Charles Warren Fairbanks as its candidate for President.

May we hope for your co-operation to the end that he may be the nominee of the Chicago Convention?

Very respectfully,

Horace C. Stilwell

Fletcher
Savings and Trust Company
of Indianapolis

Hon. W. D. Casey,

Atchison, Kansas

Dear Mr. Casey:-

May I, as a banker and business man of Indianapolis, bring to your earnest consideration the Candidacy of Mr. Charles W. Fairbanks for President?

We, who have had the fortunate opportunity to become intimately acquainted with Mr. Fairbanks during the past twenty-five or thirty years, appreciate his real ability, his absolute integrity, and above all his lofty patriotic thought upon all national as well as international relationships. He brings with him to such a consideration of national questions a brilliant, statesmanlike career of which both he and we may justly be proud.

I wish to impress you with our earnestness of purpose to secure the nomination for Mr. Fairbanks and to assure you that this effort is a state-wide one in which all our people of every class and profession are firmly united.

Trusting you will give Mr. Fairbanks the very earnest consideration which we believe he amply merits, I remain

Very cordially,

F. E. Metzger.

March 21, 1916

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INDIANAPOLIS

March 28, 1916.

Dear Sir:

I am coming to you as a Republican, to call your attention to the candidacy of Charles W. Fairbanks, whose name will be presented to our convention in June by the Republicans of Indiana, for the nomination for President.

We believe in this state, and I am pleased to say that advices received from other states lead us to the opinion that many thousands of Republicans in other commonwealths are of the same opinion, that Mr. Fairbanks presents the logical answer to the question "Who shall we name to lead us to victory?"

He certainly can carry Indiana, and those of us who know him best are satisfied that a careful scrutiny of his public record and study of his services for the nation will lead our fellow Republicans of other states to agree with us that his nomination would be a happy solution of the puzzling problem which now presents itself.

His services as Senator from Indiana, his four years' incumbency of the position of Vice-President, have given the people that opportunity to acquaint themselves with him which has not been offered in the personality of any of the other gentlemen who are prominently mentioned.

Mr. McKinley knew Mr. Fairbanks well, and the loyal Republicans of Indiana feel that the stamp of approval placed upon a man by the martyred President is a sufficient recommendation to warrant our convention in joining with us in making him our nominee.

During my recent stay in the south, where I was on business and not politics, I had hoped that I might be able to meet with you and the other men who have so loyally kept the faith in the southern states, but an unexpected recall prevented my having this opportunity. I sincerely trust that we may be able to become acquainted at Chicago.

Permit me in a way purely personal to say that during my six years' services as Mayor of Indianapolis, I was brought into almost daily contact with Mr. Fairbanks, and was intimately associated with him in every campaign; speaking from this angle I know it is not necessary to apologize to any Republican for supporting Indiana's choice for this nomination.

With sincere regards, I remain,

Yours very truly,



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INDIANAPOLIS, IND. March 29, 1916

My Dear Sir:

There is something in the atmosphere, or the soil, of Indiana which seems to favor the development of a certain type of timber with tremendous value at certain periods. California has its redwood, Georgia its southern pine and Michigan its hemlock, but Indiana, for the last forty years, has been developing an arboriculture peculiarly its own, and not content with its success in the past, but striving to maintain and improve its high standard, we are producing new specimens from time to time.

This year we have a particularly fine offering for your attention--a piece of timber, tall and erect, well seasoned, who has stood before storms and has basked in the sunshine and all the while has grown and matured until we think he is the best piece of oak in the forest today. You will infer by this time that I am describing presidential timber. And the next thought in your mind, doubtless, is that we are speaking of former Vice-President Charles W. Fairbanks, of Indiana.

We have had tall sycamores in Indiana, and other trees, but Mr. Fairbanks is the oak. It is the oak that makes the old ship keep true and steady on the main throughout the years, and keeps the bulwarks strong against the stress--and, really, don't we need that sort of timber for the "Ship of State" these days?

Long years in the Senate, on the floor and as Vice-President of the United States, always steadfast to the true and sane tenets of the Republican Party, he stands for that faith and belief to which we must all get back and stay with, if our Republic is to endure and progress in these perilous days of eccentric statesmanship and world-wide brain storms.

What do you think of Mr. Fairbanks?

Very truly yours,

Gavin L. Payne

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JAMES E. WATSON
CANDIDATE FOR
UNITED STATES SENATOR

March 23, 1916.

Hon. L. D. Disney,

Muskogee, Oklahoma.

My dear Mr. Disney:

I am addressing you in behalf of Hon. Charles W. Fairbanks, whose name will be presented by his friends as Republican candidate for President at the convention in Chicago next June. As a friend and neighbor of Mr. Fairbanks, living in this community with him for many years, I feel that I may address you as a fellow Republican, interested in the success of our party, and point out to you especial reasons why Mr. Fairbanks should be the standard bearer in 1916.

By reason of varied experience, large ability and stainless personal character, Mr. Fairbanks measures up to the highest traditions of our party. As United States Senator he was one of the great leaders of the party, and was an intimate friend and adviser of President William McKinley. Much of the success which our party had as a result of the splendid administration of National affairs by President McKinley was due to the wise counsel and sound judgment of President McKinley's friend - Mr. Fairbanks. We people in Indiana are even to this day proud of the association and friendship that existed between William McKinley and Charles W. Fairbanks.

In 1904, without solicitation on his part, Mr. Fairbanks was selected as Vice-President on the ticket with Theodore Roosevelt, and was perhaps the first man in the history of the country, selected to that office, who was himself of presidential size; and we all remember with much pride the fact that the Republican party won the greatest popular victory in the history of American politics.

Mr. Fairbanks would appeal to all elements within the party, North, East and West, and even in the South. He is the one man now before the people who could bring certain success to our party this year. I earnestly commend him and his qualifications to your consideration.

Very sincerely yours,

Ellam H. Neal

Collector Internal Revenue, nine years

VOLNEY T. MALOTT
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

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Indianapolis, Ind. March 24, 1916.

My Dear Sir:

I am informed you are to be a delegate at large to the next Republican Convention to be held in Chicago.

You are doubtless aware that our distinguished fellow citizen, Mr. Chas. Warren Fairbanks, will be a candidate for the Presidency, before that Convention. I am pleased to state that I have known Mr. Fairbanks for more than thirty years--his honesty and integrity is above reproach. He is a kind and generous neighbor, and active in all that pertains to the welfare of this community and State.

He is a lawyer who stands high among the legal fraternity and, as a business man, has been eminently successful and I believe abundantly qualified, if elected, to give this Country a business administration such as we have not had since the William McKinley regime.

Every Republican in Indiana would be more than pleased to have you support Mr. Fairbanks.

Yours very truly,

Frank D. Stalnaker

VOLNEY T. MALOTT
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Indianapolis, Ind. March 24, 1916.

Our Country is so vitally interested in the man who shall be the standard bearer for the Republican Party in the ensuing Presidential Campaign, that I feel warranted in addressing you in behalf of Charles W. Fairbanks of this City, a friend and neighbor whom we have known intimately since he came to Indianapolis soon after his graduation at Delaware College, Ohio, and we can say of him that as a kindly and generous neighbor, and as a leader in all that makes for the well-being of our community and State, we have had no better citizen or one more loved and respected.

His fealty to the Party, and fitness for the office of President, we feel has been fully demonstrated in his public life as United States Senator, Vice-President and other positions he has held. Our State stands united and in earnest in the desire for his nomination at Chicago, and will be for his election if it be given him.

Trusting that we may count upon your influence there, I remain

Yours very truly,

Volney T. Malott

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ANDERSON, IND.

Hon. D. L. Grover,
Norfolk, Va.

March 20, 1916

My Dear Sir:-

It has come to my attention that you have been chosen a delegate to the Republican National Convention from your state. I want to presume upon your patience for just a moment to say a word in behalf of the candidacy for President of Hon. Charles W. Fairbanks of Indianapolis.

In the year 1912 I was a delegate to the Republican National Convention and I was among those who later went out of the Republican Party and helped organize the Progressive Party. That same year I was a candidate of the Progressive Party for Congress in my district and two years ago I was State Chairman of the Progressive Party.

Nearly a year ago I realized that the two parties should get together and at that time I resigned the Chairmanship of the Progressive Party and came into the Republican Party. Since then the work of amalgamating the two parties has progressed in Indiana in a wonderful way.

In 1912 the Progressive Party polled 167,000 votes in Indiana; in 1914 it polled 107,000 votes in Indiana. A few days ago at the primaries in Indiana the Progressive Party polled approximately 3,500 votes. I give you these figures to make apparent to you the fact that the two parties in Indiana are absolutely together at this time.

These two parties, forming a reunited Republican Party, are very enthusiastic in behalf of the candidacy of Hon. Charles W. Fairbanks for President. You doubtless know of his splendid work during two terms in the United States Senate and you know also of his record as Vice-President with both McKinley and Roosevelt.

The reunited Republican Party in Indiana is of one mind to the effect that the nomination of Mr. Fairbanks would mean that Indiana would rejoin the Republican column by a tremendous vote, and it is likewise of one mind that in the election of Mr. Fairbanks the country would have a President and an administration that would restore prosperity and furthermore would measure up in a splendid way to the high standard of the administrations of both Mr. McKinley and Mr. Roosevelt.

It is possible I will be a delegate to the Chicago Convention and I hope to see you on that occasion. In the meantime I want to send you this little word that Indiana Republicans, irrespective of their alignments during the last four years, are a unit in asking the support of the delegates of other states for Mr. Fairbanks. There appear to us to be strong indications that Mr. Fairbanks will be the nominee and I would like to ask of you that you give the matter your most careful consideration, believing if you do, your vote and your effort at Chicago will be in behalf of Mr. Fairbanks and that the vote and effort will be directed in the best possible way for the success of the Republican National Ticket in November, and furthermore for the good of the country through the restoration of a real Republican administration.

Thanking you for your patience in reading this word, I am

Yours truly,

Edward C. Toner

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